

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend paragraph 22 of the Specification in the following manner:

The techniques shown in the figures can be implemented using code and data stored and executed on a computer. Such computers store and/or communicate (internally and with other network elements over the network) code and/or data using ~~machine-readable~~ **computer-readable storage** media, such as magnetic disks; optical disks; random access memory; read only memory; flash memory devices; ~~electrical, optical, acoustical or other form of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, lasers, digital signals, etc.); etc.~~ **and the like.** Of course, one or more parts of the invention may be implemented using any combination of software, firmware, and/or hardware.